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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Living in a small, rural community, we have few broadband and telephone choices and limited connection speed.

Reducing the number of providers to our area and creating a monopoly will increase costs, stymie services and reduce the incentive for improved connection speeds. We need more competition to improve the local products offered here in the gorge, not less.

Please keep the 1996 Telecommunications Act in place- regardless of any big corporate petitions to change its spirit.

Thank you,

Kevin Liddiard